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SOURCE: US national; former non-commissioned officer in the US Marine Corps.

Source is a 23 year old ex-Marine who spent the period from February 1959 through July 1960 serving in the Cuban Army and the Cuban Air Force. He obtained his discharge from the Cuban Air Force in June 1960 and returned to the US via Mexico City on 30 Aug 60. According to source, he had been nominated by the Marine Corps to enroll in the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at a US university, even though he had not finished his high-school education. He reportedly did not accept this offer because he was much more interested in Special Forces type activity, and this led to his decision to leave the Marine Corps and a short time later to enlist in the Cuban Army. He appears to be a keen observer. While source's plans are indefinite, he should be available for further interview during the next few weeks (mid-October - November 1960).

1. I met Sgt Aldo J Busto during my tour of duty in the Paratroop Regiment, Cuban Army (February - December 1959). We served as instructors together in this unit until Sgt Busto's discharge from the Army in August 1959. Sgt Busto, who is 31 years old, had served in the Batista Army for a number of years. He was involved in the conspiracy of 4 Apr 56, but remained in the Army and fought against Castro rebels in the Sierra Maestra and Escambray areas. While there were numerous ex-Batista soldiers in the rebel Army, Sgt Busto was well liked because he had once saved the lives of a number of Castro rebels who were captured and about to be summarily executed. He reportedly disarmed his own lieutenant, who was determined to shoot the men.

2. Sgt Busto was selected by Maj Enrico Borbonet Gomez, Chief of the Paratroop Regiment, to become an instructor in the unit in January 1959. In my opinion he was a first class soldier. He was discharged in August 1959 following the "Trujillo incident" of 10 Aug 59. He had always remained critical of the Castro regime during the period that I knew him (February - August 1959), and he reportedly continued to associate with Batista elements after his discharge.

3. I last saw Busto in Havana on 18 Aug 60, where he was spending a few days with his cousin, Sergio Catria. Catria is a member of the National Police Security Section, and he previously had been a member of the National Police "Confidential Section". Busto reportedly received a warning from his cousin that the G-2 was interested in him, and fled Havana a few days after I saw him. I believe he is still a fugitive.

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